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Bob Wingenroth, CPA, City Auditor City Auditor Department 17 South 2nd Avenue, Suite 200 Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Dear Mr. Wingenroth:

We have completed an external quality control review of the City of Phoenix City Auditor Department for audits issued during the period January 1, 1998, through December 31, 2000. In conducting our review, we followed the standards and guidelines contained in the NALGA *Quality Control Review Guide* published in May 1995, by the National Association of Local Government Auditors.

As prescribed by the NALGA Guide, we reviewed the internal quality control system of your audit organization and tested a sample of audits conducted by your office for compliance with government auditing standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Due to variance in individual performance and judgement, compliance does not imply adherence to standards in every case, but does imply adherence in most situations.

We have concluded from our review that your system of internal quality control was suitably designed and provided reasonable assurance that applicable government auditing standards were followed in your audit work. We have also concluded from the sample of audits tested that your quality controls were working effectively and that audits were conducted in conformance with applicable standards during the period under review.

It is our opinion, therefore, that the City of Phoenix City Auditor Department was in compliance with government auditing standards during the period January 1, 1998, through December 31, 2000. We have prepared a separate letter to management, which offers suggestions for further strengthening your internal quality controls.

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